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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in fall producing areas totaled 80.0 million hundredweight on March 1, 1969, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 7 percent less than the 86.5 million on hand a year earlier but slightly above the 79.5 million hundredweight on hand March 1, 1967. These stocks consist of potatoes held for all uses on March 1.

Stocks in the eight eastern fall States, at 27.3 million, were 5 percent below last year's holdings. Maine, with 22.1 million hundredweight, compares with 22.5 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Upstate New York and Pennsylvania had less stocks on hand but Long Island supplies were larger than a year ago.

March 1 stocks in the eight central States totaled 16.0 million this year compared with 15.9 in 1968. The Minnesota-North Dakota total of 11.2 million compares with 10.5 million a year earlier. Michigan stocks were down 10 percent from March 1, 1968 and stocks in Wisconsin were 14 percent less than a year earlier.

In the nine western fall States, March 1 holdings were 36.7 million hundredweight, 12 percent below last year's record high stocks of 41.7 million. All of the major western States except Washington and Oregon had smaller holdings than a year earlier. Idaho, with 22.0 million hundredweight, had 17 percent less than the March 1, 1968 level of 26.6 million. Holdings in Colorado were down 19 percent from 1968. Washington stocks were up 16 percent, and Oregon 5 percent larger than a year ago.

Disappearance from storage during February 1969 of 23.2 million hundredweight compares with 26.3 million last year and 23.5 million in February 1967. Disappearance of 1968 fall potatoes to March 1 was 140.0 million compared with 144.8 million hundredweight from the 1967 crop during the comparable period. Movement to chippers and fresh market outlets during February and movement for the season, as indicated by rail and truck unloads in 41 cities, was below comparable periods a year earlier. During February and for the season to March 1, larger quantities were used in the manufacture of food products other than chips (excluding starch and flour) than a year earlier. Processing for flour and starch, both in February and for the season to March 1, was much below year-earlier levels. No U.S.D.A. potato diversion program is in effect this year. In February 1968, considerable quantities were diverted to starch and livestock feed under this program.

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Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1 total stocks, crops of 1959-68 in the 25 fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1 following year	February 1 following year	March 1 following year
		- - - 1,000 cwt. - - -			
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 1/	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967 2/	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465
1968	220,018	151,385	128,810	103,245	80,015

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1968 Pot 6(68)

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States, July 1, 1962-69

Area	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
	- - - Millions - - -							
Eastern	73.1	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.4	---
Central	82.8	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	88.0	---
Western	30.0	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	---
Total	185.9	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	1/ 201.9

1/ Total U. S. resident population for July 1, 1969 based on projection issued by Bureau of the Census.

Source: Current Population Report No. 403, Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

POTATOES: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on March 1, 1968 and March 1, 1969 1/

State	Crop of 1967		Crop of 1968	
	Production	Total stocks Mar. 1, 1968	Production	Total stocks Mar. 1, 1969
	- - - 1,000 cwt. - - -			
Maine	37,604	22,500	36,890	22,100
Connecticut	1,354	230	1,254	190
New York				
Long Island	7,426	1,450	7,506	1,500
Upstate	8,820	2,100	7,988	1,700
Pennsylvania	9,120	2,200	7,585	1,500
Other States 2/	2,896	370	2,811	310
8 Eastern	67,220	28,850	64,034	27,300
Michigan	7,095	2,100	6,235	1,900
Wisconsin	9,401	2,200	8,325	1,900
Minnesota	11,760	4,500	12,180	4,200
North Dakota	14,280	6,000	15,660	7,000
Nebraska	1,794	750	1,820	600
Other States 2/	5,062	350	4,346	440
8 Central	49,392	15,900	48,566	16,040
Montana	1,512	1,000	1,458	950
Idaho	63,900	26,600	59,505	22,000
Colorado	9,240	3,150	7,762	2,550
Utah	1,463	490	1,072	220
Washington	15,265	4,400	16,185	5,100
Oregon	13,252	3,250	12,290	3,400
California	9,210	2,700	8,400	2,300
Other States 2/	770	125	746	155
9 Western	114,612	41,715	107,418	36,675
Total 25 Fall States	231,224	86,465	220,018	80,015

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."
2/ Eastern - New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.
Central - Ohio, Indiana, and South Dakota.
Western - Wyoming and Nevada.

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